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Our Future

Before the next issue of our magazine appears I should like to have expressions of opinion, from many and statements of facts, from all who know of desirable institutions in which Chapters of Phi Delta Kappa might be established. The East, the West, and the Middle West are well represented. The extreme South is as yet barren. Are there any schools that have sufficiently strong departments of education to merit the establishment of a Chapter? How do Canadian Universities stand? Is the fraternity idea at all developed on the other side of the line, or may the idea as represented by Phi Delta Kappa be brought to the notice of our benighted brothers with profit to ourselves and to them? A policy of "conservative expansion" it seems to me

should be our aim, and on this topic will you please speak.

Another question I should like to have you discuss is what you are doing to make yourselves felt in the University? Representatives of several institutions have spoken about the failure of "Educational Clubs" to maintain themselves. I believe there is a field for Phi Delta Kappa to act as directors of such movements especially if the heads of the Departments think such a plan is feasible. It is not at all necessary that the Fraternity should appear as such, perhaps it is not even desirable that it should. At any rate tell us of your experience. Perhaps your plan will work in our department. Possibly a combination of methods will remove the difficulty.

F. W. SCHACHT, Nat'l Pres.

National Secretary's Letter

NATIONAL COUNCIL
PHI DELTA KAPPA

Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 2, 1915.

The attention of the Chapter Officers is called to the following list of duties and information summarized from the proceedings of the Sixth Annual Council of Phi Delta Kappa. Please note that in some cases they are purely informational, while in others they call for initial action on the part of Chapter Officers, and that in still other cases action is called for only when requested by the National Officers concerned.

1. Send material for the National Magazine to A. J. McAllister, Effingham, Kansas, on call from him. The

Executive Committee and Brother McAllister have together worked out a tentative scheme for the organization of the National Magazine. Brother Schacht, by virtue of his office, is Editor-in-Chief, and other four members of the Executive Committee are Associate Editors. Brother McAllister is Managing Editor.

2. On the call from the National Historian, send complete data in regard to the personal history of each member in the Chapter and the history of the Chapter as a whole, all this for publication in the new History and Directory.

3. The retiring Executive Committee appointed the J. F. Newman Company sole official jewelers for the Fraternity.

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Pins may be ordered directly from them. They are established at 11 John St., New York, 31 North State St., Chicago, and 150 Post St., San Francisco.

4. For each initiate taken in a tax of one dollar (\$1.00) should immediately be sent to the National Treasurer, Brother Edwin A. Lee, 510 West 123d St., New York, City.

5. The Chapter should also order a Directory for each initiate.

6. The Chapter should immediately report to the National Secretary in full names of initiates taken in, together with their Chapter number and the date of initiation. It is now provided in the Constitution that all new members taken in shall be supplied with a certificate of membership at the expense of the National organization.

7. The Chapter Officers should, on the request of old members of their Chapter, order membership certificates from the National Secretary, giving the exact data named in the case of new members. All old members pay for the certificate themselves.

8. Chapters should send in to the National Secretary nominations of such of their members as are deemed worthy to receive the Honor Key of the Fraternity. See Article V of the By-Laws.

9. Chapters should send in to the National Secretary nominations for honorary membership, giving the salient points in the history of each candidate for such honor. President Schacht has stated as follows:

"I believe that the candidate for honors should not be informed that such action is contemplated, but left in ignorance until everything is settled. Along this line, it seems to me that the very use of the term 'election' in connection with the preliminary actions is ill-advised. It

is, to my mind, merely a nomination. I believe that the machinery for taking care of these honorary memberships should be quite as carefully worked out as the methods of voting in a new member, and would suggest a form similar to the personal history blanks adopted at the Philadelphia meeting, to be furnished by the Chapter proposing the name."

10. The small membership cards will be issued from this office when the data in regard to the members of each Chapter is received. It is expected that this information will be gained from the reports sent to the National Historian.

NOTE: The membership cards are not identical with the membership certificates.

11. Membership shall continue in the member's original Chapter until he has by formal action transferred to some other Chapter. A person cannot now hold membership in two active Chapters.

12. Each Chapter must, hereafter, furnish each of its initiates with an official badge of the Fraternity, ordering the same through the J. F. Newman Co.

13. Each Chapter should file with the National Secretary a copy of its local constitution and by-laws.

14. Each Chapter should immediately order a seal. These cost five dollars and a quarter (\$5.25) each. See Constitution.

15. Note that faculty members can no longer be active, but must now be in the associate class, unless they are formerly registered as students in the institution where their Chapter is located.

16. Note that delegates must now be active members of their Chapters.

17. Proxies to the National Council meeting were abolished.

Roy E. WARREN, Nat'l Sec.